

INSTANT MESSAGING ENVIRONMENTS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Sharing an instant messaging environment is described. The instant messaging environment is selected from a set of stored instant messaging environments. An instant
5 messaging environment identifier corresponding to the selected instant messaging environment is transmitted from a transmitting instant messaging application to a receiving instant messenger application. The instant messaging environment identifier is received and the stored instant messaging environment corresponding to the instant
10 messaging environment identifier is retrieved. The instant messaging environment is activated in the receiving instant messaging application.